



Wichita Bicycle Master Plan

Open House #2

Event Summary

May 2, 2012; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wichita City Hall – 1st Floor

The City of Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Open House was held from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on May 2, 2012 in the Wichita City Hall, City Council Board Room. The event provided an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan (Plan) and to provide input. The event included a presentation about the Planning Process and recommendations as reflected on the bicycle network maps and other Plan documents. The presentation was shown twice, at approximately 5 pm and 6 pm. A slideshow of the Better Block event photos was shown while the presentation was not underway.



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The stations provided opportunities for participants to learn about the Plan elements and provide input. Below is a listing of the stations with the title, description, and the public involvement opportunities for each station.

Open House Stations

Title	Description	Public Input Opportunity
On- and off-street priorities	A list of 14 potential priority on- street bicycle facility projects (facilities in the street ROW); and a list of 7 potential priority off-street bicycle facility projects (facilities outside street ROW)	Write-in additional projects and “dot” voting
Vision, Goals, and Objectives (2 boards)	A listing of the vision, goals, and objectives	Comment form
Bicycle Facility Types	Descriptions and illustrations of bicycle facility types	Comment forms
Entire Bikeway Network (4 maps on a large table)	Quad maps of the entire bikeway network	Draw and write comments on the maps
Priority Network (two maps on a large table)	Two copies of the Priority Network map	Draw and write comments on the maps
Performance Measures (2 boards)	A listing of the performance measures in the Plan	Blog board with post-it notes and comment form
Funding (2 boards)	Information about planning level facility costs per mile, entire bikeway network costs, priority network costs, and potential funding	Comment form
Draft Plan Elements	Two three ring binders with all the current draft Plan elements	Comment form

The sign-in sheets from the event indicate that 108 individuals attended the event. Participants were provided three (3) red voting dots to prioritize the on-street bicycle facilities, and two (2) green voting dots to prioritize the off-street bicycle facilities. Comment forms were also available throughout the event room, a blog board was available for participants to post comments using post-it notes, and participants were encouraged to write / draw on the maps. Below are summaries of the public input received during the open house event.

Vote – On-Street Priorities

Ranking Based on Votes Count	Name	Description	Total Votes
2	1 st and 2 nd Street Bike Lanes	Extend existing bike lanes from I-135 to the Arkansas River (east/west)	43
3,4 &5 (tie)	Market St & Topeka Ave Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from 21 st St to Mt Vernon Rd (north/south)	27
8&9 (tie)	2 nd Street Bike Lane and Shared Lane Markings	Install mix of bike lanes and shared lane markings from the Arkansas River to Hoover (east/west)	13
3,4 &5 (tie)	Mt Vernon Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from Broadway Ave to Woodlawn Blvd (east/west)	27
6	Pedestrian Crossing Signal & Bicycle Boulevard	Install signal to cross Ridge Road and Westport Ave to provide access to Sedgwick County par; install bicycle boulevard starting at Ridge and going west to Glenhurst Street; then south along Holland Ln/Country Acres Ave/Woodchuck to University Ave (north/south)	24
10	Perry Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Perry Ave & 13 th St., and going north to via Perry/Portier/20 th /Coolidge to 21 st Street (north/south)	10
7	Armour Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard from Huntington Ave to K-96 (north/south)	18
1	Douglas Avenue Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings from St. Paul Ave to Edgemoor Ave (east/west)	53
12 & 13 (tie)	Murdock/9 th St Shared Lane markings	Install shared lane markings from river to Armour Drive (east/west)	7
12 & 13 (tie)	Green St Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Green & 18 th St and going south to Mt. Vernon via Green, Estelle, Chautauqua, Menlo Green & Estelle (north/south)	7
15 & 16 (tie)	Sycamore St Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Sycamore and Douglas and going south to Glenn St via Sycamore, Osage, Walker & Orient. (north/south)	5
3,4 & 5 (tie)	I-235 East/West Crossing: Central Ave or Maple St	Pending further study, install a side path connection under I-235 and across the “Big Ditch” (east/west)	27
8 & 9 (tie)	17 th / 18 th St Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings on 17 th , then 18 th St from I-135 to Perry Ave (east/west)	13
15 & 16 (tie)	31 st St bike lanes/Old Lawrence Rd Bicycle Boulevard	Install bike lanes on 31 st Street from I-235 to Old Lawrence Rd, and a bicycle boulevard on Old Lawrence Rd from 31 st St to the Arkansas River Path	5
11	On Greenway from Harry to Pawnee	On-street marking; east riverbank	8
14	Big Ditch (write –in)	(no description)	6
17	Rock Rd Derby to 31 st St N (write-in)	(no description)	3

Vote – Off-Street Priorities

Ranking Based on Votes Count	Name	Description	Total Votes
3	Delano Neighborhood Path	Construct path on former railroad right-of-way between Seneca and Delano Park (east/west)	33
7	K-96 to Harry Street Path	Construct side path along 127 th St/Central Ave/Greenwich Rd between the existing K-96 path and Greenwich Rd side path	6
5	Arkansas River to Haysville	Construct path on former railroad right-of-way between the Arkansas River and Haysville (north/south)	23
2	South Central Neighborhood Path	Construct path along east side of the Arkansas River from Kellogg to Broadway Ave (north/south)	35
1	Redbud Path – Oliver to K-96	Construct path on former railroad right-of-way between Oliver and K-96 (east/west)	52
4	Redbud Path – K-96 to the county line	Construct path on former railroad right-of-way between K-96 and the Sedgwick/Butler County line (east/west)	28
6	Prairie Sunset Path	Construct path on former railroad right-of-way from Hoover St to 167 th St (east/west)	15
8	Westar Path (write-in)	N-S along Governor, follow high tension power lines	0

Blog Board Comments (in random order)

1. Bikes on sidewalks must be walked.
2. Signs downtown to discourage unsafe, illegal riding.
3. Ensure the Redbud path, or any rail path, maintains a gravel portion for runners who prefer an unpaved surface
4. Thank you!
5. Shared paths should be non-glass container only.
6. Brochures or maps on website to show current bicycle paths – to increase knowledge.
7. Beware of highway construction! 235/Kellogg will eliminate old RR ROW.
8. Didn't hear about Better Block in time to participate.
9. Are there also plans to maintain paths when they're finished? Keeping clear of trash and glass?
Current bike paths are very littered.
10. Main and Market have plenty of space – just paint some lines.
11. Bicycle Advisory Board: 2013 – why wait?
12. Big Ditch Path.
13. Thank you for your hard work – look forward to final execution of the plan.
14. Don't ignore South central – connect existing bike routes on the east bank of the river.

Comment Forms Comments (in random order)

1. I'd like to see closed tracks to be donated to bike trails. Where I'm from I can ride from City to City on old RR tracks – donate to bike paths.
2. I would like to see the pursuit of a path along the Big Ditch. I believe that would provide an excellent place for both bikers, walkers, and runners.
3. Thanks for identifying and filling gaps in paths / bike boulevards. Will there be any work done to improve cycling experience on existing bike paths? I regularly use the path under I-135. It is ugly, brown, deserted and often has glass on it. I feel safe from cars, but not safe from flats or ____? _____. Thanks for taking this into account.
4. Please develop a trail on the east bank of the river, from Gander Mountain down to Mt. Vernon – possibly on down to Herman Hill or down around that area. This is also in the South Central Neighborhood Plan, that has been adopted by the City Council, Sedgwick County Commissioners, and the MAPC. Thank you!
5. Remove cables blocking the paths at roadways on 17th Street north path (5 and 6 on the off-street bicycle facilities voting map). I have to pick myself and my bike up twice every mile. K-96 path is great, River path is great, Gypsum path is great too! I walk 4 miles of the K-96 path every day; I ride 15 miles of it weekly and I ride Greenwich (north and south) 70+ miles / week. Bicycle awareness is the first step in the journey of 10,000 miles. Thanks!
6. Looks amazing! Would like to see the bicycle advisory board start sooner rather than later – because we can always use new ideas.
7. Better Block was awesome! The bike racks are awesome! These meetings are awesome!
8. Signage should be more exciting than green and white. Bicycling is certainly more light-hearted or whimsical. Bike paths away from streets should definitely deviate from the boring green background signs. Ever just blue background would be a big improvement. Bike path on Bitting/Nims/Jeanette maybe should be more of a priority.
9. Utility biking – very rarely have time for “recreational” biking – maybe every other year I manage a 4-hour loop (7mph – single speed cruiser) – mostly shopping, meetings, appointments – sidewalks when possible, cross only at signals. Though some signal – request buttons in Wichita are very poorly placed – very much appreciate the automatic signals at those intersections that have them. 1979 on street recommendation were good; next edition of bike map broke everything up – basically had on-street suggestions only from elementary schools to City parks. Very nice that the Canal bikeway was finally connected to the Grove Park / K-96 path – that construction was listed as ‘coming soon’ on the 1978 map!
10. Art programs have 1% of cost of project for public art. Is there a program like that for bike/ped development on road projects? Work with Sedgwick County for future development.

Map Comments (generally organized by map quadrant)

Quadrant	Location	Description
NW	Westport St from 119 th St to Parkdale St (requires bridge over waterway)	Add a bikeway on Westport Street from 119 th to Parkdale St
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NW	North end of Swanson Park	Add a connection from Swanson Park to the proposed bikeway located northeast along 11 th St/Harvest Ln
NW	Maple St from Tyler Rd to Elder St	"take the lane all the way"
NW	Maple St from Tyler Rd to Elder St	"need's connection"
NW	Maple St from Tyler Rd to Elder St	"what can be done here? Using traffic lanes is dangerous. Sidewalk is safer"
NW	135 th St between 21 st St and 13 th St	"Connection needed"
NW	Waterway located between Central Ave and Maple St from 135 th St to Jayson Ln to 119th; then north to Rolling Hills St to Park Ridge St and connect to proposed bicycle boulevard	"neighborhood connection needed"
SW	North end of Pawnee Prairie Park	Use existing bridge in Pawnee Park temporarily for east west connection along former RR corridor
SW	North end of Pawnee Prairie Park	Needs a bridge for connection
SW	West and south edge of Pawnee Prairie Park	Great idea!!! To keep away from Pawnee Prairie Park!!!
SW	Lear Jet bikeway bypass	Circle the former RR corridor segment through the Lear Jet property
SW	Lear Jet bikeway bypass	"Learjet should install electronic gates for vehicles to cross railbed and open as shared use"
SW	Lear Jet bikeway bypass	"Alternative bad – heavy on-street parking impossible to ride – rush hour shift changes"
SW & NW	167 th St from Pawnee Ave north to 21 st St	Add bikeways to street(line drawn on map)
SW	Pawnee Ave from 167 th to 151 st	Add bikeways to street (line drawn on map)
SW	Maize Rd from Kellogg to Pawnee Ave	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)
SW	I-235 and Kellogg interchange	"Keep railroad bridge for rail trail or find a replacement for completion of path. Construct with road bridges"
SW	I-235 and Kellogg interchange	"require KDOT to incorporate Big Ditch crossing and tie in south to north Kellogg cross to Town West"
SW	I-235 and Kellogg interchange	"without this crossing nearest access to Town West is two miles east or 3

		south
SW	I-235 between Southwest Blvd and 31 st St	"Use southwest side not the northwest side" of I-235
SW, NW, NE	Loop – Big Ditch, Ark River, Wassall, I-135 Path, 21 st St to the Big Ditch & Ark River Path, 2 nd St, Douglas Ave, Vine Ave, Central Ave, Mt Carmel, Custer, 9 th	"BRH's path"
NE	Kevin Rd / Willow Dr from Spring Ln to 9 th St	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)
NE	Woodlawn Blvd from 45 th St to 13 th St	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)
NE	Webb Rd from 37 th St to Kellogg	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)
SE	Intersection of Wassall St and Southeast Blvd	"Ramp from K-15 to side street bike path" (needs to be installed)
SE	Greenwich Rd from 63 rd St south to beyond 71 st St	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)
SE	63 rd St from Greenwich Rd to county line	Add bikeway to street (line drawn on map)

VOTE - ON-STREET PRIORITIES



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Help identify the most important on-street bicycle facility projects for the City to develop first. Please use your three (3) dots to vote for the ones that are most important to you. If you would like to vote for a project and do not see it on the list, then please write it in on the bottom of the list so that you and others can vote for it.

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A 6" and 2" Street Bike Lanes	Extend existing bike lanes from I-135 to the Arkansas River (east/west)	
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C 2" Street Bike Lane & Shared Lane Markings	Install mix of bike lanes and shared lane markings from the Arkansas River to Hoover (east/west)	
D NW Vernon Road Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from Broadway Ave to Woodstock Boulevard (east/west)	
E Pedestrian Crossing Signals/Bicycle Boulevard	Install signal to cross Ridge Road at Westport Ave to provide access to Sedgewick Park, install bicycle boulevard starting at Ridge and going west to Glenhurst Street, then south along Holland Ln/Country Acres Ave/Woodstock to University Ave (north/south)	
F Perry Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Perry Ave & 15th St, and going north to via Perry/Renton/26th/Coxlidge to 21st Street (north/south)	
G Armour Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard from Huntington Ave to 4th St (north/south)	
H Douglas Ave Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings from St Paul Ave to Edgemore Ave (east/west)	
I Munick/19th St Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings from river to Armour Drive (east/west)	
J Green St Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Green & 14th St and going south to NW 160th via Green, Erie, Chautauque, Merit, Green & Teller (north/south)	
K Syracuse St Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Syracuse and Douglas and going south to Green St via Syracuse, Quage, Walker & Orient (north/south)	
L I-235 East/West Crossing: Central Ave or Maple St	Pending further study, install a bike path connection under I-235 and across the "Big Ditch" (east/west)	
M 137th/18th St Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings on 17th, then 18th St from I-135 to Perry Ave (east/west)	
N 124th St Bike Lanes/Old Lawrence Rd Bicycle Boulevard	Install bike lanes on 124th Street from I-235 to Old Lawrence Rd, and a bicycle boulevard on Old Lawrence Rd from 124th St to the Arkansas River Path (east/west)	
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P		

Write in your project here



VOTE - OFF-STREET PRIORITIES



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8 <i>Write in</i> <i>"Sunset Path"</i>	<i>Write along Sunset Path right-of-way from Hoover St to 167th St (east/west)</i>	